

REMARKS

In response to Examiner's requirement of restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§121, 372, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1 to 7, for prosecution on the merits.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications or take such other action as deemed necessary with respect to the non-elected groups. Claims 8-18 have been cancelled.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should any fee be due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to deduct said fee from Shell Oil Company, Deposit Account No. 19-1800. If the Examiner would like to discuss this case with Applicant's attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact Lisa Holthus at the phone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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